

GERMANS TAKE CERNAVODA AND VULCAN PASS IN DOUBLE DRIVE AGAINST BUCHAREST

Mackensen and Falkenhayn Win New Victories in Powerful Offensive—Rumanians Abandon Dobrudja and Flee Across Danube

French Crush German Attempts to Regain Verdun Ground—Hold Douaumont and Meuse Positions on Four-Mile Front—Teutons Rush Reinforcements From Somme

Field Marshals Mackensen and Falkenhayn are carrying out the plans of Field Marshal von Hindenburg for the elimination of Rumania from the war with clock-like precision.

The capture of Cernavoda opens the road to Bucharest, capital of Rumania, provided the forces of Field Marshal von Mackensen succeed in crossing the Danube.

The position of the Rumanians appears to be perilous, in view of the capture of Vulcan Pass, in Transylvania, by Falkenhayn, announced by the German War Office.

The entire territory between the Black Sea and the Danube is now in German hands. The Russo-Rumanians have abandoned the Tasavia Lake positions, north of Constanza, and are retiring northward, apparently with the purpose of crossing the Danube by a roundabout movement and joining the main forces of the Rumanians, which have probably retreated across the river from Cernavoda for the defense of Bucharest.

Two violent German counter-attacks were delivered last night and this morning against the positions on the Haudromont-Damloup line northeast of Verdun, won by the French in yesterday's great assault.

Both attacks failed, the French maintaining all their positions, Paris officially announced today. The French spent the night cleaning up Fort Douaumont, captured from the Germans yesterday.

Among the 3500 prisoners is the German commander of Fort Douaumont. The great blow struck by General Nivelle against the Germans at Verdun has not only removed the menace to Verdun contained in the occupation of the Haudromont-Damloup line by the Crown Prince, but the German plan for a concerted counter-attack on the Somme.

Heavy German re-enforcements, intended for service on the Somme, are being rushed to Verdun to stem the advance of the French. In addition, the new French offensive has made certain the danger to the Germans of withdrawing any troops from the west front for service in the Dobrudja, Transylvania or Galicia.

RUMANIANS IN PERILOUS POSITION AS FOES ADVANCE ALONG TWO MAIN FRONTS

Official announcement was made this afternoon of the capture of Cernavoda in Dobrudja by the army under Field Marshal von Mackensen. The capture of this vitally important bridgehead position was preceded by violent fighting.

Several hours before the official announcement was made dispatches received here reported the fall of Cernavoda. Another important victory has been achieved by the Austro-German troops under General von Falkenhayn at Vulcan Pass on the northern boundary of Rumania. The pass is now in the hands of the Austro-Germans. It gives the Teutons another gateway for the invasion of central Rumania from the north.

The capture of Cernavoda is regarded as of vastly more importance than the capture of the support of Constanza three days ago. It is believed that considerable Russian and Rumanian troops have been trapped out of the Danube in Dobrudja and are in a very perilous position.

CERNAVODA ADMITS LOSS OF CERNAVODA AND RETREAT OF FORCES NORTHWARD

Russo-Rumanian forces have abandoned their positions at Cernavoda, the western end of the railway leading into old Rumania, under Mackensen's attacks, it was officially admitted today. The Tasavia Lake positions have also been surrendered to the enemy, whose heavy attacks continue on all the whole Dobrudja front. The Russo-Rumanians, resisting Mackensen's assaults, are retiring northward.

Loss of Cernavoda, admitted by the Russian War Office, is a more serious blow to the Rumanians from the military standpoint than the fall of Constanza. It opens the way for a drive on Bucharest from the east while Falkenhayn's Austro-German armies are advancing from the west. The defeated Russo-Rumanian armies, driven northward from the railway, are in a precarious position, the Russian official statement indicates. There are no bridges

GERMANS MAKE 500 AIR RAIDS IN SINGLE NIGHT

Sixteen Allied Aeroplanes Shot Down, Berlin Reports—209 Battles Aloft

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—Two hundred and nine air fights took place over the Somme front on October 23, according to a statement issued through the semi-official Overseas News Agency today. German aeroplanes made more than 500 raids, it was said. It is certain that sixteen Allied aeroplanes were shot down and it is believed that the actual number is twenty-two, the statement says. Eleven of these machines are in possession of the Germans.

German airmen flew low over the Allied trenches, pouring machine gun fire down upon the British and French soldiers.

On the night of October 21 German air fleets dropped tons of explosives on the railway stations at Longueval, near Amiens, and Meuse-Bel, upon ammunition dumps at Cerey, Marsoisville, Camp Bray and prepared to open troop columns.

POLITICIAN OF NEW TYPE



Mrs. Laura A. Newton is here to boost for the "Women's Hughes Special," which is coming here next week.

NERVE PLANTING MAY SAVE PLAGUE VICTIMS' LIMBS

Surgeons at Clinical Congress Hear of Boon for Infantile Paralysis

WRIGGLY DANCES PRAISED

Crystallized Opinions of Visiting Surgeons

FOUR points brought out in third session of seventh annual meeting of Clinical Congress of Surgeons:

- 1. "Wiggly" modern dances help digestion and general health, "joggling" the spleen, stimulating circulatory and cerebral systems and strengthening muscles.
2. But from a moral standpoint, the effect of "wiggly" dances is questionable.
3. Operations would be reduced ninety-nine per cent and cancer and tuberculosis would be checked if people underwent periodic physical examinations, taking as much care of body as of automobiles, furnaces and business.
4. Nerve implantation may prove panacea for paralysis sufferers.

A remarkable demonstration in nerve implantation, which surgeons say may result in restoring to usefulness paralyzed limbs of thousands of infantile paralysis victims, was given today by Dr. A. B. Gill at the University of Pennsylvania medical school before a large gathering of visitors at the Clinical Congress of Surgeons convening here.

Doctor Gill used as his subjects dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs suffering from paralysis of the legs. He implanted hundred of new nerves into the paralyzed muscles. These nerves, he told the surgeons assembled, would soon take root in the muscle tissue and connect with the general nervous system, restoring feeling and animation to the paralyzed parts.

While the nerve implantation experiments have not yet been performed upon human beings, Doctor Gill said that the experiment offered great hope to parents who have paralyzed children. He also stated that the results obtained exhibited the value of animal experimentation in medicine.

"Wiggly" modern dances, including the fox trot, hesitation, one-step and "walking the dog," received a complimentary pat on the shoulder from Dr. J. A. Foix, of Paris, an abdominal expert, who declared that the health of thousands of

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'HUGHES TRAIN' AGENT, REAL WOMAN'S LEADER, HERE TO PLAN APPEAL

Politicians of a New Type, Working for Good of Cause Only, to Visit City November 2

MEETS Foe's ARGUMENT

By M'LISS

A new type of politician came to Philadelphia today—a politician who believes in playing the game direct, whose political creed consists wholly and only of a profound belief in the candidate she is supporting and who asks no other reward for the months of service she has devoted to him than that of seeing him elected.

Mrs. Laura A. Newton, who has been called the John Baptist of the woman's campaign train for Hughes because she is the voice that goes on ahead crying in the wilderness—sometimes a wilderness of Democratic calamity howlers, as in the case of her recent southern tour—stopped in this city long enough today to make arrangements for the reception of the widely heralded train that will bring here the feminine Hughes orators on the night of November 2.

REAL POLITICIAN

She is a singularly open-faced, idealistic politician—the kind to make one forget that politics' other name is "dirty work." As you listen to her expound reason after reason for the women of the country rising "as one man" to insure the election of Charles Evans Hughes; as you hear her lay the campaign tactics of the Democratic press in one breath and the "gollycoddle" articles of Charles W. Eliot in another, you say nothing of the "pussy-footing performance" of Henry Ford, you feel that here, indeed, is an example of the woman in politics who has come not only to stay but to make her way.

"The women on the Hughes train," she said emphatically, emphasizing her words with a tense little gesture and a snap of her brown eyes, "are politicians; they are traveling in the interest of Hughes's election; not in the interest of suffrage or for their own aggrandizement."

"BILLIONAIRE TRAIN"

"The Hughes special has been called the 'Billionaire Train.' I suspect the Democratic press is responsible for this phrase, as it is ; the many accounts of frauds and unwholesome receipts that have been reported untruthfully throughout the itinerary."

"Women like Dr. Katherine Bessent Davis, Mary Antin, Mrs. Nelson O'Rhaughnessy and Miss Frances Kellar expect no personal gain from this trip. They are working and thinking women—women who watched Hughes when he was Governor of New York—who know that he was responsible for child labor and workmen's compensation legislation that has been copied by many other States. They know that during the gubernatorial terms he put through more humanitarian legislation in

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QUICK NEWS

GIVES \$450,000 TO METHODISTS

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—The largest contribution for benevolent purposes ever received by the Methodist Episcopal Church is \$450,000 from the estate of Mrs. Ellen S. James, of New York, it was made known here today. She made other large gifts during her lifetime and in her will.

SIX KILLED WHEN INTERURBAN CAR HITS AUTO

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. 25.—Six persons were killed when their automobile was hit by an interurban car six miles north of the city today.

REPORTS OF WOUND TO FALKENHAYN DENIED

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—Recent reports that General von Falkenhayn was wounded in fighting in Transylvania were denied today in an authoritative statement in the North German Gazette.

TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

First Laurel race, 2-year-olds, colts and geldings, 6 furlongs—Olyng, 114, J. Butwell, \$17.10, \$3.20, \$3.60, won; Lottery, 114, E. Ambrose, \$3.60, \$2.40, second; Beaver Kill, 114, F. Keogh, \$3.50, third. Time, 1:13 4-5.

Second Laurel race, steeplechase, selling, 4-year-olds and up, about 2 miles—Dixon Park, 143, H. Williams, \$6.50, \$3.30, \$2.80, won; New Haven, 149, H. Crawford, \$3.20, \$2.70, second; Idle Michael, 135, W. Allen, \$3.60, third. Time, 3:47 2-5.

WHEAT LEAPS 6 CENTS; HIGHEST SINCE CIVIL WAR

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Wheat climbed toward the predicted \$2 mark today. December wheat jumped 6 1/2 cents to \$1.85 1/2, passing by 1/4 of a cent the high mark set during the famous Letter corner in 1898. Today's price is the highest since the Civil War. Fortunes were being made, while brokers bid wildly for grain in a turmoil of noise and activity such as has been seen only during some of the historic corners. One dealer holds a million bushels bought at \$1.06. Grainmen report that Armour & Co. and "Wheat King" Jim Patten were very heavy holders. Heavy demand from millers and exporters, which has already caused some select grades of cash wheat to sell for \$2, seemed to craze the market. It was almost impossible to buy either December or May wheat, except in small quantities and at startling advances.

TWO COLLIERIES IDLE BECAUSE OF STRIKE

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 25.—Two collieries involving 2300 mine workers are idle, due to strikes. They are the Dark Water colliery of the Dark Water Coal Company, at St. Clair, and the North Franklin colliery, of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, at Shamokin. The strikes have been reported to the Conciliation Board.

U-BOATS ENGAGE RUSSIAN PATROLS AMID ARCTIC FLOES

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 25.—A naval battle between German submarines and armed Russian patrol boats amid the ice floes of the Arctic Sea is reported in a dispatch to the Morgenbladet today. The submarines were watching for ships carrying Russian war supplies when attacked by the patrol boats and driven off.

PENNSYLVANIANS TO TAKE WEST POINT EXAMS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Announcement was made by the War Department today that the following Philadelphia candidates for the United States Military Academy at West Point have been designated to take the entrance examinations in March: Christopher Hildebrand, 1711 Snyder avenue; Frank C. Brady, first alternate, 1922 South Twenty-third street; Frank C. Graham, second alternate, Twenty-sixth and Federal streets, and Wharton G. Ingram, Third street and Girard avenue.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STRIKE DANGER AVERTED

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 25.—Minister of Labor T. W. Crothers received a telegram at noon today announcing that all danger of a strike on the Canadian Pacific line had been averted and an agreement between the Canadian Pacific and its employees soon would be signed.

RUSSIANS LOSE 1,797,522 SINCE JUNE 1, BERLIN SAYS

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—The Russians have lost 1,797,522 men in killed, wounded and captured since the Galician offensive began June 1, the Semi-official News Agency declared today, quoting the New Central identifying office as authority. Among these were 85,981 officers, two generals, six colonels of brigades, eight colonels and lieutenant colonels, regimental commanders. The greatest number of casualties was among the Siberians.

ARGENTINE DROUGHT BOOSTS WHEAT PRICES

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 25.—Drought that threatens severe damage to the Argentine wheat crop has boosted wheat prices out of sight and has killed all chances that the United States may obtain relief from increasing flour prices from Argentine shipments. Wheat is selling at fifteen pesos per hundred kilos, a new record on the Buenos Aires market. Experts say a prolongation of the drought for a fortnight will destroy three-fourths of the crop. Thousands of cattle are dying for lack of fodder.

PHILADELPHIA GIRLS JOIN IN WELLESLEY SPORTS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 25.—Three hundred girls have signed up for fall sports at Wellesley College. The Philadelphia athletes and their sports are as follows: Hockey, Grace E. Wings; golf, Reta Greenwald; track, Marion P. Carrick; archery, Margaret Nichold; baseball, Marion Harbison.

BRITISH MAY CHECK RISE IN FOOD PRICES

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, said he might soon ask Parliament to confer additional powers on the Board of Trade with a view to checking any preventable rise in food prices.

COTTON SELLS ABOVE TWENTY CENTS A POUND

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—For the first time since the Civil War cotton crossed 20 cents a pound today. July cotton sold at 20 cents, up 18 points, soon after the Cotton Exchange opened. Gains of 1 to 24 points were made during the first 15 minutes. May options sold at 20.01, up 22 points, before 10:30. The cotton ginning report, showing a big gain in ginning in the United States, was a bull factor.

INFANT PARALYSIS CLAIMS ITS 286TH VICTIM

One new death from infantile paralysis was reported today, making a total of 287 cases and 286 deaths in this city. The latest victim was Harry Huckle, four months old, 1372 Nurragsanett street.

METHODISTS SEEK \$1,250,000 FOR INDIGENT PREACHERS

The collection of an additional \$1,250,000 from the Philadelphia area to increase the fund for indigent and superannuated minister was decided upon at a special meeting of the Board of Conference Claimants of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Chicago. The fund is to be increased from \$7,500,000 to \$8,750,000.

BRITISH STRIKE TO KILL CITY'S NEW SHIP LINE

Seek the Business Opened With South American Ports

AGENTS PLEADING FOR THE BUSINESS

Offer Cut Rates and Other Inducements to Obtain Freights

PLAN RESENTED HERE

Chamber of Commerce Urges Exporters to Stand by and Support Project

Cut-throat action is being used by British shipping interests in a war to injure the success of a line of steamships between South American ports and Philadelphia.

Victory for these tactics seemed certain this morning when it was announced by the Chamber of Commerce that the new line would have to be abandoned on January 1 if the Philadelphia manufacturers, shippers and exporters did not support the vessel.

The line began operations a week ago under auspicious circumstances. It was brought to the attention of the Executive Leagues this afternoon by the Chamber of Commerce that British shipping interests, which have held a monopoly on South American trade, have carefully staged an attack for the annihilation of the new line which was brought to Philadelphia by the Chamber.

OLD TACTICS IN USE According to all information assembled by the Chamber, all of the known old tactics for the destruction of a competitor have been dragged from musty closets and polished up for use in an effort to put the new Philadelphia trade expansion project out of business.

No fewer than fourteen agents of British shipping lines, whose headquarters are in New York city, according to the Chamber of Commerce, are scouring Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New Castle, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Reading in an effort to prevent shippers from using the new line and thus saving from forty cents to \$1.10 a ton in ordinary tariffs. In addition, it was learned, men are at work through Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota striving to take the business which already had been contracted for by the line, and swing it over into the old-established companies.

AUTO FIRM BOTHERED Writing from South Bend, Ind., one corporation which exported seventy-five automobiles on the steamship Carolya, which sailed last week complained:

We are bothered to death by two agents sent here from New York, who are making every concession in an effort to get us to refuse to ship via Philadelphia, and we have been offered virtually our own rates on month-to-month contracts if we will ship by New York.

QUERY FROM PITTSBURGH From Pittsburgh came the following: We received a call today from two agents of a steamship line running out of New York, who told us that it would be useless for us to attempt to ship by Philadelphia because there are not proper loading facilities on the docks to handle our heavy pieces of machinery. These men declare that while Philadelphia has docks costing several millions each, they lack hoisting apparatus of any kind, and that it is not possible to hoist into the hold of a vessel anything that weighs over three tons. As you well know, the freight we have for South America is very bulky, weighing from five to twenty-five tons per package. We are very anxious to ship through Philadelphia, and desire to know if it is true that there is no hoisting apparatus capable of handling these shipments.

CUT IN FREIGHT RATES Shippers in Philadelphia have had the rates cut as much as \$2 a ton by British

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ELLIS SHOT HIMSELF HOURS AFTER WIFE DIED

Suicide of Slayer of Spouse Not Immediate, Inquest Testimony Shows

William Howell Ellis, who killed his wife in their home near Ambler on October 7 and afterward shot himself, did not make the attempt upon his own life until several hours after the death of his wife.

This information was brought out today at the inquest into Ellis's death before Coroner Knight. Ellis died on Monday at the Chestnut Hill Hospital, where he lingered ever since the shooting.

Coroner Grand McGonigley, of Norris-town, who investigated the tragedy, was the principal witness at the inquest. His case investigation showed that Ellis, after shooting his wife, removed blood-stained clothing and later returned to the room and shot himself.

It was evident, he said, from general conditions that the attempt upon his own life was made several hours after Ellis had killed his wife.

Testimony along similar lines was given by Justice of the Peace William S. Joyce, of Flourtown.

The Coroner's jury brought in a verdict that Ellis's death was due to a gunshot wound of the head, self-inflicted, while he was temporarily deranged.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness this afternoon and night, probably followed by some light rain Thursday generally fair; warmer Friday; fresh southerly winds.

Table with 2 columns: Length of Day and Moonrise/Moonset times.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST: No. 7, No. 128 shares of North...